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WAXMAN REVEALS REAGAN'S CLEAN AIR PLAN

Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-Los Angeles), announced to a packed Washington press conference he obtained a draft of the long awaited Reagan bill on Clean Air.

High level administration sources conceded that the "staff document" had the support of the Administration.

Waxman denounced the sixty-one page bill proposal in strong language. He said,

"This proposal is nothing less than a blueprint for the destruction of our Clean Air Laws. Millions of Americans would be condemned to live indefinitely in dirty air."

The Congressman, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, referred to numerous public opinion polls which show that close to ninety percent of the population support the Clean Air law as it now stands.

In summarizing the Administration's draft law, Waxman said it would make it easier for factories to pollute the air in both smog filled cities such as Los Angeles, and in areas which currently enjoy good quality air. He warned the bill would also increase tolerance for air pollutants known to cause cancer.

Reporters and environmental protection group spokesmen express shock at the extent to which the Reagan-backed proposal went beyond industry demands. The President was expected to make modest changes in the law to accommodate the business community. The draft bill Waxman released appears to be tantamount to repeal of the key provisions of the Act.

Waxman said he would work to keep the Clean Air law in tact. "The law is a good one, it has protected the health of our people. Its demands on industry are practical and fair. I see no need for any changes," he stated.

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